



Community Development Committee  
Monday, March 6, 2023  
6:00 PM  
Donald E. Green Public Safety Center  
385 E. Oak Street, Kankakee, Illinois

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll call
3. Public comment
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - Feb. 6, 2023
5. Financial Review - \$202,731.26
6. Director's Report - Barbi Brewer-Watson
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Aldermen/Alderwomen Comments
10. Adjournment



Community Development Committee  
Feb. 6, 2023  
6:00pm  
Council Chamber 385 E. Oak St.

P Barbi Brewer-Watson	P Dave Baron
P Reggie Jones	P Samantha Rocknowski
P Victor Nevarez	P Mike Cobbs
P Lance Marczak	P Mike Prude
P Danita Swanson, Chair	P Cherry Malone-Marshall
P Mike O'Brien joined at 6:02pm	
P Chris Curtis, Mayor joined at 6:03pm	
P Dave Crawford, Vice Chair joined at 6:08pm	

### **Welcome**

Meeting called to order by Chair Swanson at 6:01 pm.

### **Public comments**

No public comments were received.

### **Minutes from prior meeting**

Jan. 3 minutes were presented and reviewed. Alderman Cobbs motioned to approve the minutes. Alderman Nevarez seconded the motion.  
Motion carried. Minutes for Jan. 3 approved.

### **Financial Report**

Director Brewer-Watson presented the expense voucher report (Bills) totaling \$443,599.31. Alderman Prude motioned to approve bills. Alderman Nevarez seconded the motion. Roll Call vote.

Jones Yes

Crawford Yes

Baron Yes abstain from bills from Heritage Development and Smith, Koelling, Dykstra, & Ohm.

Nevarez Yes

Prude Yes

Cobbs Yes

Motion Carried

### **Director's Report**

Reports can be found at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/meeting-information.php>

Samantha Rocknowski presented the January outreach report.

- Neighborhoods Walks

- 187 doors walked in February
- a summary of the outreach events from Jan. 2023 were provided
- Notes and Minutes from other meetings attended were presented
  - Kankakee County Continuum of Care Feb. Minutes
  - Rep. Kelly Housing Taskforce Meeting Notes
  - Kankakee County Community Outreach Leadership (KCOLT)
- Media outreach numbers were presented

Director Brewer-Watson presented information regarding the following:

- 129 People are on the ECDA wait list
- 21 LEAD projects have been completed this fiscal year
- MIRA projects are underway
  - 10 have been completed
  - 10 are waiting for contractors to begin
- 3 Healthy Homes projects are underway

### **Old Business**

- KARPPS round two recommendations were presented and were reviewed. Alderman Prude motioned to move the recommendation to City Council for a vote. Alderman Jones seconded the motion.
  - Cobbs – Yes
  - Prude – Yes
  - Baron – Yes; Abstain on Hippocrates Medical Clinic allocation
  - Crawford – Yes
  - Nevarez – Yes
  - Jones – Yes
  - Motion Carried

### **New Business**

No New Business was discussed.

### **ARP Discussions**

No new ARP discussions were held.

### **Aldermen/Alderwomen Comments**

No comments were given

### **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Crawford motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Alderman Cobbs seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Barbi Brewer-Watson.

## 2/1/23 HH Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-01	Lead Inspector USA, Inc.	\$ 1,400.00
HH	039-00047757	LI/RA	\$ 1,400.00
	23-02-03	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 9,950.00
HH	039-00047757	Project	\$ 9,950.00
	23-02-04	City of Kankakee (VISA)	\$ 59.03
HH	039-00047757	Supplies	\$ 59.03
		<b>Account</b>	<b>Voucher #</b>
	HH	039-00047757	<b>Total</b>
			\$ 11,409.03

## 2/10/23 PMT Summary

PO/Program	Vendor	Amount
23-02-05	Verizon Wireless	\$ 161.16
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>\$ 161.16</b>
23-02-06	Jevin J. Boswell	\$ 15,194.00
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>MIRA</b>	<b>\$ 15,194.00</b>
23-02-07	Kankakee County Recorder	\$ 188.00
23-02-08	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 20,000.00
23-02-09	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 20,000.00
23-02-10	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 20,000.00
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>\$ 60,188.00</b>
23-02-11	ComEd	\$ 63.86
23-02-12	Aqua IL, Inc. (Water)	\$ 27.73
23-02-13	Aqua IL, Inc. (Sewer)	\$ 84.03
23-02-14	Silver Broom 1 Corp	\$ 240.00
23-02-17	Dept. of Building & Code	\$ 705.00
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>SNBHD</b>	<b>\$ 1,120.62</b>
23-02-15	Still I Rise	\$ 21,419.49
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>KARPPS</b>	<b>\$ 21,419.49</b>
23-02-16	Verizon Wireless (Miya's line)	\$ 53.72
<b>HAP</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>\$ 53.72</b>
23-02-18	Jose Pizano	\$ 99.99
23-02-19	Tanya Pizano	\$ 99.99
23-02-20	Sara Ojeda Dominguez	\$ 200.00
<b>MISC</b>	<b>PSCIP</b>	<b>\$ 399.98</b>

Voucher #	Total
ARPA Admin	\$ 161.16
MIRA	\$ 15,194.00
Rental	\$ 60,188.00
SNBHD	\$ 1,120.62
KARPPS	\$ 21,419.49
HAP	\$ 53.72
PSCIP	\$ 399.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 98,536.97</b>

## 2/22/23 HH Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-21	Jevin J. Boswell	\$ 13,000.00
HH	039-00047893	Projects	\$ 13,000.00
	23-02-22	Lead Inspector USA, Inc.	\$ 700.00
HH	039-00047893	LI/RA	\$ 700.00
<b>Account</b>		<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Total</b>
HH		039-00047893	\$ 13,700.00

## 2/22/23 LHC Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-23	City of Kankakee	\$ 181.30
LHC	039-00047899	Supplies	\$ 181.30
	23-02-24	Kankakee County Recorder	\$ 188.00
	23-02-25	Dept. of Building & Code	\$ 196.72
	23-02-26	Verizon Wireless	\$ 469.28
LHC	039-00047899	ODC/Adm	\$ 854.00
	23-02-27	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 14,932.50
LHC	039-00047899	KLSHI	\$ 14,932.50
	23-02-28	Simply Environmental & Construction, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00
LHC	039-00047899	HH	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Account</b>		<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Total</b>
LHC	039-00047899		\$ 20,967.80

## 2/22/23 PMT Summary

PO/Program	Vendor	Amount
23-02-29	We Stand for Jesus Christ Ministries	\$ 17,863.13
ARPA	KARPPS	\$ 17,863.13
23-02-30	Nicor Gas	\$ 266.95
23-02-35	ComEd	\$ 64.05
ARPA	SNBHD	\$ 331.00
23-02-31	Susan Henke	\$ 158.72
23-02-32	Kymberli Costanza	\$ 188.99
PSCIP	PSCIP	\$ 347.71
23-02-33	City of Kankakee (VISA: Lori's)	\$ 101.28
ESCR	Escrow	\$ 101.28
23-02-34	City of Kankakee (VISA: Stefari/Martinez)	\$ 114.30
E.D.	Economic Development	\$ 114.30
23-02-36	Target Local Media	\$ 1,800.00
ARPA	Outreach	\$ 1,800.00

Voucher #	Total
KARPPS	\$ 17,863.13
SNBHD	\$ 331.00
PSCIP	\$ 347.71
ESCR	\$ 101.28
E.D.	\$ 114.30
ARPA	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,557.42</b>



## 2/22/23 CDBG Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-37	Clean Cut Lawn Care	\$ 14,800.00
	23-02-38	Clean Cut Lawn Care	\$ 13,500.00
CDBG	6736689	Demolition	\$ 28,300.00

Account	Voucher #	Total
CDBG	6736689	\$ 28,300.00

## 2/24/23 CDBG Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-39	Clean Cut Lawn Care	\$ 12,700.00
CDBG	6737598	Demolition	\$ 12,700.00

Account	Voucher #	Total
CDBG	6737598	\$ 12,700.00

## 2/27/23 PMT Summary

PO/Program	Vendor	Amount
23-02-39	Precision Piping, Inc.	\$ 760.00
MISC	HAP	\$ 760.00

Voucher #	Total
HAP	\$ 760.00
Total	\$ 760.00

## 2/27/23 LHC Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-40	Precision Piping, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00
LHC	039-00047940	Healthy Homes	\$ 5,000.00
	23-02-41	Lead Inspector USA, Inc.	\$ 500.00
LHC	039-00047940	Clearances	\$ 500.00
<b>Account</b>	<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Total</b>	
LHC	039-00047940	\$ 5,500.00	

## 2/27/23 CDBG Draw Voucher

Grant	PO/Voucher	Vendor/Activity	Amount
	23-02-42	Midwest Environmental Consulting Services	\$ 3,000.00
CDBG	6738250	Demolition	\$ 3,000.00

Account	Voucher #	Total
CDBG	6738250	\$ 3,000.00

## Kankakee County Continuum of Care Meeting

Location: **Zoom**

Agenda 2/2/2023, 9:00am

- Notes taken by: Marlena Kalafut, ECDA
- Introductions
  - Adriana, KCCSI
  - Kourtney Hopkins
  - Sarah Neill, Catholic Charities
  - Ashley Appleton, VAC Kankakee County
  - Barb Groth, Prairie State Legal Services
  - Betsy Richardson, Prince Home in Manteno
  - Melany Duax, KCC Homeless Liaison
  - Marlena Kalafut, Kankakee ECDA
  - Robert Bushey, The Grow Center & Blessings in a Backpack
  - Dawn Broers, Fortitude Community Outreach
  - Jasmine, Mediations
  - Noelle Bradley, IKAN
  - Karen Edgar, Service Inc. of Illinois
  - Jeannette Tetreault, Thresholds
  - Chuck Carnes, Gift of God
  - Lauren Santefort
  - Mariah Vail, United Way
- Changes in Leadership
  - Jonathan Shinabarger is no longer able to lead the CoC hub meetings
  - Dawn Broers has agreed to facilitate meetings starting next month
- Point in Time count
  - Was completed last week
  - Found a lot of campsites
  - There is still a period to adjust the numbers, and numbers are still required from agencies to report the clients who were housed in hotels over that night
  - Thank you to everyone who helped with the street sweep!
- Eviction updates
  - Jasmine – Eviction Mediation Program – Continues to attend court each week. Judge Nicholson refers cases each week. This ebbs and flows depending on when they are served and when they come to court
  - Ongoing issue that tenants will complete the application, but cannot receive the funds because the landlords don't want to participate. This tends to be because the landlord has to agree to dismiss the case and allow the tenant to remain in the unit for the time the funding covers. Some folks take issue with the length of time it takes to receive the funding

- Evictions are not automatically sealed. Cases should have been automatically sealed through mid-2022, but this was not always done.
- Service Availability Updates
  - Street outreach
    - Gift of God – they go out on Saturday and pass out meals, typically 40-50 meals
  - Homeless Prevention & Rental Assistance
    - CC – Out of funding for rent for Kankakee county; FEMA United Way ESP will be coming around soon; Kankakee county board will be meeting soon to do allocations for the coming year; if you have not applied for those funds before, you can contact Sarah or Vince; \$63k to Kankakee; Adriana is looking to place an ad on Facebook on Monday; can be used for food housing and shelter
    - KCCSI – rental assistance; max is 3 months past due; anything outside of that they would have to make arrangements; they can assist with first month, possibly 2 for folks transitioning out of homelessness
  - Utility Assistance
    - KCCSI – LIHEAP runs until May
    - KCCSI – Emergency furnace program
  - Shelter-Motel Vouchers
    - Gift of God
      - Folks are able to come in between 4-5 and get ready for dinner
      - They get up at 7 and are served breakfast
      - Seeking volunteers; they are trying to staff it 24/7
    - Fortitude
      - Full pretty much every night
      - Serving about twice as many individuals, so twice the cost
      - Some city aldermen plan to propose requiring Fortitude to comply with police walk-throughs at any time
    - KCCSI
      - Is giving vouchers for those who apply and need them
      - Can be for 7 days
      - They do have to be Kankakee county residents
      - Homeless certification forms – if they have an ID from another county, they complete the form, and then they go to the DMV and get a new Kankakee county ID
      - Completely out of covid funds
  - Rapid Rehousing
    - KCCSI – none. Two active clients.

- Cornerstone – Substance abuse recovery program; has been expanded to include men, but they prioritize women; program that has permanent supportive housing built in, but they must have a substance use disorder, under 25, women, women with children, but can be expanded to fill remaining slots; mental health is a priority, but they *have* to have a substance use diagnosis
  - Percentage based payment; if they have no income, their rent and utilities are paid for. Currently this is indefinite.
  - 10 slots left until July
  - They can be in recovery; substance abuse includes alcohol
  - There are priority populations, anytime they get a call, they add them to the list
  - They do not have to be literally homeless
  - 815-304-4777 for Cornerstone
- CC – currently full; everyone needs to be on the coordinated entry list
- Transitional Housing
- Food Pantry
  - Monday-Friday 8-12, once a week KCCSI
  - CC – St Joe's is the 17th
- Other services
  - Blessings in a Backpack – currently serving 450 students in Kankakee, Bradley, Bourbonnais, and Momence. Running low on funds to complete the school year with about 80 days left on the school calendar. [revbushey@gmail.com](mailto:revbushey@gmail.com) or 815-348-7755
  - Project SUN will be offering My Piece in the Puzzle a four week, eight session racial equity initiative March 7-30 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Grow Center. Contact Rev Bushey
- Next meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am
  - Looking to meet in person in April
  - Location TBD
- Additional Announcements and Networking
  - Prairie State's lead lawyer is out for 8 weeks, and Dawn left as of yesterday. They are currently hiring

New Business to discuss next meeting: please email Dawn ([dbroers@fortitudecommunityoutreach.org](mailto:dbroers@fortitudecommunityoutreach.org))





## Housing Task Force Meeting Friday, February 17, 2023

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Alan Banks began the meeting on Friday, February 17, 2023

**In Attendance:** Derek Adkisson, South Suburban Housing Center  
Jim Sim, Designated Managing Broker  
Doug Kenshol, South Suburban Pads  
Tonya Corder, Designated Managing Broker  
Angela Hurlock, Claretian Associates  
Barbara Brewer-Watson, City of Kankakee  
Alan Banks, US House of Rep  
Debbie Reaux-Alexander, US House of Rep

The HTF meeting started with Alan Banks welcoming the Task Force Members and introducing the onboarding of Jauwan Hall at the Matteson District Office who will join the Task Force.

1. Doug Kenshol shared good news about Governor Pritzker & the State of Illinois' plan to address and end homelessness which is the vision statewide.
  - a) There is a new budget line item called Home Illinois and \$200M has been placed into it. The details are uncertain, but it looks like \$55M will go to emergency & transitional housing for emergency shelter.
  - b) \$25M will be for rapid re-housing that will move people from homelessness back into apartments. Shelter money will help agencies like South Suburban Pads for hotel rooms and operating capital to buy buildings to open new shelter beds.
  - c) Will need to work with County officials to buy the buildings and we'll need to get municipal support. Will probably start referring to shelters as "interim housing". And we will also need to work with the legislators to make sure that the funding, gets approved, but we are in a much better place than one year ago.
2. Update from Derek Adkisson
  - a) The January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the mortgage assistance program administered by IDHA has been removed. It is now an open-ended program. The Court Based Rental Assistance Program is limited right now and the only people who can apply, are those who have an actual eviction case filed against them.
  - b) Ceda has rental assistance money, but it is limited to suburban Cook County with certain limitations such as, they must be Snap recipients and have sustainable income.
  - c) It's estimated that 50-70 agencies across the state are assisting clients with assistance applications with a counseling component for clients to get a certificate from a HUD certified agency.
  - d) Helpful Websites  
<https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org> [www.cookcountyil.gov/rent-help](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/rent-help)  
<https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/toolkit-mortgage>  
[www.cookcountyil.gov/rent-help](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/rent-help)  
Homeless Prevention: 877-426-6515
  - e) Derek, will send mortgage assistance program flyers to Task Force members.

- f) Doug K. indicated there is a **Homeless Prevention Program** for renters who are about to become homeless. **Their number is 877-426-6515**

### GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

3. The Task Force Membership needs to be extended into the Pontiac and Danville areas. If anyone has candidates they would like to refer, so we can vote on it at a special meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Friday of March would be great. Try to have names of people you know who might be interested in joining by February 24<sup>th</sup>, so that we can have the special meeting and vote on the nominations.
4. Alan asked the TF members whether having one in-person meeting sometime in April or May would be a good idea. A vote was taken and everyone on the call thinks it's a great idea. Meeting to include a continental breakfast and perhaps a guest speaker so that we can get more ideas flowing, and if you have any suggested speakers, let Debbie know.
5. The question had come up as to why the attendance at the Housing Expo was not attended as it should have been. The plan is to have the Housing Expo in Kankakee, the City of Chicago, the South Suburbs and now Danville, IL. Let's think about locations and what month(s) of the year will be good. We will be open for suggestions, so send them to Debbie.
6. Jim gave a suggestion about giving a workshop during the Expo on homeownership vs. renting. CHA & HUD homeownership programs are available and should be relayed to people. Also there are veteran organizations that help with homeownership.

### RECAP & NEXT AGENDA:

1. Please share ideas and candidate suggestions for the Pontiac & Danville areas.
2. Decide where and what, we want to do and how to promote it.
3. On the Agenda for next meeting:
4. Dates: Identify dates for events. Identify speakers. Identify a date for the in-person meeting. Have the calendar filled for the year, by March.
5. Was there anything, that anyone, wanted everyone to know? Barbi's organization is dealing with funding agreements for the homeless, and with having 4 Federal Housing Rehab Grants, they are getting ready for the workload. Angela is working on a new 81 unit, affordable housing development on the eastside which houses studio to 4-bedroom apts. The Salud Center is now open and operating with over 101 units. The property amenity will include a swimming pool for the senior residents.
6. Just a reminder that Jauwan Hall who has a veteran background will soon be the point person for the Task Force and the facilitator when Alan Banks is not around. Thank you for tuning in, and we look forward to talking in early March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

# Kankakee County Community Outreach Leadership Team

*The KCCOLT aims to develop, strengthen, and maximize county-wide communications and engagement with the public and partnering organizations.*

**11am on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 a.m. by Samantha Rocknowski *minutes recorded by David Guzman*
- Welcome Introductions  
All the attendees stated their name and which organization they represented.
- **Branding Options**  
Samantha explained that last time it had to be tabled and that this time we would wait for Mariah to join the meeting, however we did not end up having time to discuss.
- **Establishing Roles**  
The roles of Rhonda Currie, Jasmyne Humble and Samantha Rocknowski were explained. They are co-chairs. Explained the need for a secretary and a social media manager. Angelina Gear from Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau graciously accepted the option of social media manager while there was no response for someone as secretary.
- **Group involvement**  
In summary, all attendees agreed that the mission and vision of the group is to work as a team to achieve different goals. Different options were heard in terms of serving as a purpose without duplicating events, the solidification of the team and what would result in better attendance and successful events. The issue of support between organizations pursuing a common interest was also addressed.

Willeum E Boykin took the floor and explained how different flyers and documents can be submitted from the google drive created specifically for the group. He also made a commitment that if anyone needs help with this resource to call him directly. Samantha continued the meeting by asking the attendees if they felt that the meetings should be limited to one hour, to which all present agreed. She also made reference to the problem of working a hybrid meeting and why it is not functional.

The group then discussed the possibility of uploading something explaining the main mission of the organization they represent. It was agreed that each organization could create a few slides to serve as a summary and they could all be compiled into one presentation for the group. Angelina offered to help Samantha. Jasmyne offered to come up with a short list of guiding questions for the slides. Samantha then emphasized that minutes are always sent/uploaded prior to the next meeting. Willeum suggested the idea of recording the meetings to which Samantha responded that it would not be possible due to not having the necessary technological equipment to do so. Jasmyne Humble stated that this group was not elected officials and therefore, we don't have to be following the open meeting act.

- **Who is this group aimed at?**  
Samantha continued the meeting by encouraging those present to extend invitations to the outreach group meetings to all those who feel they should be involved. She also explained how most of the presence so far is only from organizations based in the City of Kankakee, when this group has been created at the county level. The lack of participation from neighboring cities and smaller towns.

The meeting continued by encouraging all those who brought flyers of upcoming events to share them, as well as business cards and networking. The meeting continued with the dates of the upcoming meetings and the reminders that are sent prior to them, and adjourned at 12:00 noon.